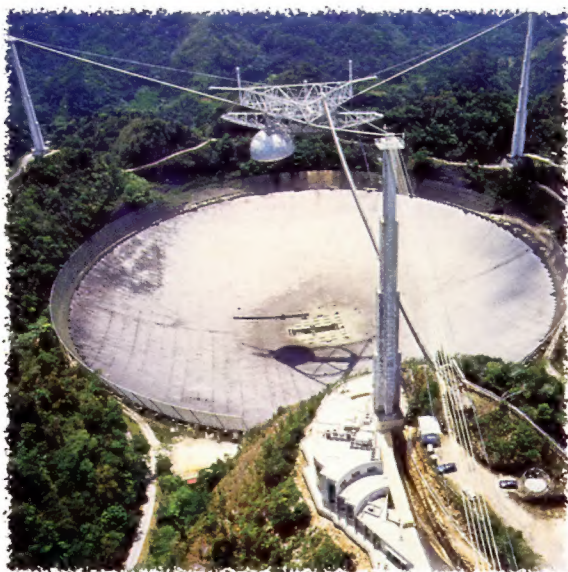


# THE ARECIBO OBSERVATORY

Largest radiotelescope on earth

*"A National Historic Landmark"*

## Angel Ramos Foundation Visitor Center



The Arecibo Observatory is part of the National Astronomy and Ionosphere Center, operated by Cornell University under a cooperative agreement with the National Science Foundation

Nestled in the mountains of northern Puerto Rico, about 30 minutes from Arecibo, is the world's largest radiotelescope. Here scientists from throughout the world use the 305 m / 1,000 ft dish to gather radio signals from regions of star formation, planets, distant galaxies, and the atmosphere.

Visitors enjoy a spectacular view of the 1,000 ton antenna from an observation deck located outside the Visitor Center. Its huge size, triangular symmetry, and metallic colors are in contrast with the dense green tropical forest.

**Explore** the wonders of the universe at the world's largest radiotelescope. Our state of the art Visitor Center includes an exhibit hall in which some of Arecibo's most exciting discoveries are presented. A souvenir shop, an auditorium, and a beautiful observation deck completes your visit.

## Visiting Days and Hours:

### Regular Calendar

(August 1 to December 14 ) and (January 16 to May 31)

Wednesday - Sunday and Holidays 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Mondays and Tuesdays Closed

### Summer Season

(June 1 - July 31)

Monday - Sunday

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

### Winter Season

(December. 15 - January. 15)

Monday - Sunday

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

*Closed on the following Holidays:*

*Good Friday, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year and Three Kings Day.*

*Schools and Special Groups Call for Appointment*

## Admission:

Adults \$6.00, Children and Senior \$4.00

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